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there in a party room. And also local jurisdictions are able to pass more stringent laws if they so desire. The bill is similar to a bill that was introduced two years ago. This bill is half of the previous bill. There's another bill trailing this one that deals with other issues in the Clean Indoor Air Act that haven't been updated since 1979. So essentially this is a bill to address family restaurants and to allow those restaurants to be smoke-free. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Tyson would move to amend with AM0753. (Legislative Journal page 860.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Tyson, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. My amendment is a very short, very simple amendment. And what it does, it takes the current exemption in the law which is to say, a restaurant where the total serving area does not exceed 1,200 square feet, and it exempts that restaurant from this bill. Now I don't want you to get the idea that I like any part of this bill. I don't, but that's neither here nor there. My amendment is a very narrowly constructed one. It reinstates the matter found on page 5 of the bill that currently reads, "No public place other than a bar or restaurant having a serving area of less than 1,200 square feet", "or restaurant having a serving area of less than 1,200 square feet", is stricken in the original bill and identical language, another line down, is also stricken. It adds, on page 3, line 11, the additional language, "In a restaurant having a serving area of less than 1,200 square feet". Same thing. Where does this come from? There are a lot of small cafes, small restaurants, bars that have separate serving areas where people smoke. I am...I who dislike tobacco smoke, patronize one of those in Norfolk. And while I don't like tobacco smoke, I still go there. It's a bad habit, and I'm not going to break it. This allows people to do what they can do against all of this bill, which is if you don't like the atmosphere of a place, walk out, teach them a good lesson, deny them your patronage. But this allows the people who have every